WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An elongated stock material for use in manufacturing shaving razor blades, said material comprising

an elongated, flat strip of metal having a front edge and back edge extending along its length,

a sharpened cutting edge portion extending along said front edge,

a weakened portion between said front edge and said back edge,

a blade portion between said cutting edge portion and said weakened portion, and

a removable portion between said weakened portion and said back edge.

2. The material of claim 1 wherein said weakened portion has a reduced thickness compared to said blade portion and said removable portion.

3. The material of claim 1 wherein said weakened portion has a first notch portion on one side.

4. The material of claim 3 wherein said weakened portion has a second notch portion on the other side.

5. The material of claim 3 wherein said notch portions are offset with respect to each other.

6. The material of claim 5 wherein each said notch portion has a steep surface and a gradually deflecting surface.

7. The material of claim 1 wherein said weakened portion is located between ¼ and ¾ of the distance from said front edge to said back edge.

8. A shaving razor blade comprising

a metal blade having a front edge having a cutting edge portion and a back edge,

said back edge having a weakened portion from which a removable portion has been removed by bending at said weakened portion.

9. The shaving razor blade of claim 8 further comprising a support member attached to said metal blade.

10. The shaving razor blade of claim 9 wherein said support member has a base portion that generally extends along a plane that makes an angle between 90 degrees and 135 degrees with a plane extending through said blade.

11. A shaving razor cartridge comprising

a housing, and

one or more blades attached to said housing, each said blade having a front edge having a cutting edge portion and a back edge, said back edge having a weakened portion from which a removable portion has been removed by separating at said weakened portion.

12. The cartridge of claim 11 wherein each said blade is attached to a support member that is in turn attached to said housing.

13. The cartridge of claim 12 wherein said support member has a base portion that generally extends along a plane that makes an angle between 90 degrees and 135 degrees with a plane extending through said blade.

14. The cartridge of claim 12 wherein said back edge has a slight bend that is straighter than it would be if said separable portion did not have said weakened portion and has a radius instead of an upturned edge.

15. A method of making razor blades comprising

providing an elongated, flat strip of metal having a front edge and back edge extending along its length,

sharpening said front edge to result in a cutting edge portion extending along said front edge, and

weakening a portion of said strip along its length between said front edge and said back edge to result in a weakened portion extending along said strip, a blade portion between said cutting edge portion and said weakened portion, and a removable portion between said weakened portion and said back edge.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein said weakening includes forming a crease to provide said weakened portion.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein said weakening includes deforming a portion of said strip to reduce its thickness to provide said weakened portion.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein said weakening includes forming a notch on a side of said strip to provide said weakened portion.

19. The method of claim 15 wherein said weakening includes forming a first notch on one side of side of said strip and a second notch on the other side of said strip to provide said weakened portion.

20. The method of claim 17 wherein said deforming includes passing said elongated flat strip between two rollers.

21. The method of claim 17 wherein said deforming includes passing said elongated flat strip between two rollers having different profiles and spaced sufficiently close to each other to cause said portion of said strip to be deformed when passing between them.

22. The method of claim 15 further comprising cutting said strip to result in discrete blade sections, and attaching said blade portions of respective blade sections to respective blade support members.

23. The method of claim 15 further comprising separating said removable portions from said blade portions by bending at said weakened portions.

24. The method of claim 22 further comprising separating said removable portions from said blade portions by bending at said weakened portions.

25. Apparatus for making razor blade material comprising

a continuous supply of an elongated, flat strip of metal having a front edge and back edge extending along its length,

a processing line along which said flat strip from said supply moves,

a sharpening station on said processing line through which said strip passes and at which said front edge is sharpened to result in a cutting edge portion extending along said front edge, and

a processing station on said processing line through which said strip passes and at which a portion of said strip between said front edge and said back edge is weakened to result in a weakened portion extending along said strip, a blade portion between said cutting edge portion and said weakened portion, and a removable portion between said weakened portion and said back edge.

26. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein said processing station includes two rollers through which said strip passes.

27. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said two rollers different profiles and spaced sufficiently close to each other to cause said portion of said strip to be deformed when passing between them.

28. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein each said roller has a large diameter portion and a small diameter portion, said large diameter portion of one said roller being generally aligned with said small diameter portion of the other said roller.

29. The apparatus of claim 28 wherein each said roller has a thin portion between said small diameter portion and said large diameter portion, said thin portion having a diameter that is less than the diameter of said small diameter portion.

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